

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/572,576	<b>Examiner:</b>	Wilson, Lee D.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	March 17, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3723
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<b>Attorney No.:</b>	YONE3023/JJC/PMB	<b>Confirm. No.:</b>	2852
<b>For:</b>	<b>POSITIONING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME</b>		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION  
OF DECEMBER 23, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1-14 are finally rejected.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.